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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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the description:

pages \_\_\_\_\_ 1-8 \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed/furnished  
 pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_  
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the claims:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

## 1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Claims

YES

Claims

1-8

NO

Inventive step (IS)

Claims

YES

Claims

1-8

NO

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims

1-8

YES

Claims

NO

## 2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: JP, 62-285376, A (AMP Inc.), 11 December, 1987 (11.12.87), full text, all drawings, & WO, 1987-007444, A1, & US, 4806109, A, & EP, 0270598, A1

Document 2: JP, 5-234642, A (NEC Corp.), 10 September, 1993 (10.09.93), full text, all drawings

Document 3: JP, 7-272798, A (Oki Electric Industry Co., Ltd.), 20 October, 1995 (20.10.95), paragraphs [0020]-[0022], Figs. 6-8

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